



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5441**

LCO No. 4080

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

Introduced by:  
(PS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM STAFFING LEVELS FOR THE  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 29-7 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is  
2 substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Division of State Police within the Department of Public  
4 Safety, upon its initiative, or when requested by any person, shall,  
5 whenever practical, assist in or assume the investigation, detection and  
6 prosecution of any criminal matter or alleged violation of law. All state  
7 policemen shall have, in any part of the state, the same powers with  
8 respect to criminal matters and the enforcement of the law relating  
9 thereto as policemen or constables have in their respective  
10 jurisdictions. [Said] The commissioner shall devise and make effective  
11 a system of police patrols throughout the state, exclusive of cities and  
12 boroughs, for the purpose of preventing or detecting any violation of  
13 the criminal law or any law relating to motor vehicles and shall  
14 establish and maintain such barracks or substations as may prove  
15 necessary to accomplish such purpose.

16     (b) The commissioner shall develop and maintain a minimum  
17     staffing level of patrol troopers at all times within each barracks or  
18     substations. Such minimum staffing levels shall not include staff  
19     assigned to specialized units, such as resident troopers, cooperative  
20     policing assignments, school resource officers or traffic assignment  
21     personnel. Such minimum staffing levels shall not be used to deny  
22     troopers within the barracks or substation accumulated time off,  
23     including, but not limited to, normal days off, vacation days and  
24     personal leave days.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require minimum staffing levels at state police barracks without requiring officers to leave specialized units or to forego their time off.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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